

It is still one of the purposes of the AMATEUR Service to provide a "trained pool" of operators in event of emergency, etc. Amateur radio is becoming the ONLY source of trained CW operators. While many denigrate the mode as being obsolete, it still has great advantages both in signal-noise ratio, and its ability to be used with the simplest equipment.

To eliminate CW as a testing requirement is to reduce the Amateur Service to the level of the Citizen's Band or Family Radio service.